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TO: IMMEDIATE LONDON.

FROM: LIMITED DISSEM EUR/NG INFO CIC/EUR, EUR/NGUK, EUR/LGL,
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SUBJECT: PROPOSED DECLASSIFICATION OF BSS DOCUMENT FOR RELEASE TO
*<JFK>BOARD

REF: NONE

TEXT:

1. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE PASS PARAS 3-4 MESSAGE TO BSS
AND ADVISE WHETHER THERE ARE SERIOUS OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF BSS
DOCUMENT (BEING FAXED SEPARATELY).

2. HQS IS FAXING (OR E-MAILING, IF POSSIBLE) DOCUMENTS FOR
STATION AND BSS REVIEW.

* 3. THE DO<JFK>REVIEW TEAM ADVISED EUR/NG THAT A 1963 BRITISH
SECURITY SERVICE DOCUMENT, WHICH HAD BEEN ATTACHED TO A CIA
DOCUMENT, IS SCHEDULED TO BE RELEASED AT THE END OF THIS WEEK (31
*JULY) TO THE<JFK ASSASSINATION>REVIEW BOARD. THIS DOCUMENT
(CSCI-3/778,353) DESCRIBES A MARCH 1963 INTERVIEW BY BSS IN
HALIFAX OF LILLIAN SLOBODA, WIFE OF VLADIMIR O. SLOBODA, WHO WAS A
DEFECTOR TO THE USSR. THE BOARD IS INTERESTED IN DOCUMENTS IN CIA
POSSESSION PERTAINING TO DEFECTORS TO THE SOVIET UNION AROUND THE
*TIME OF OSWALD AND THE<JFK ASSASSINATION.> EVEN THOUGH CIA
OBTAINED THE DOCUMENT FROM A FOREIGN FRIENDLY SERVICE, IT WOULD
THUS BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO DENY RELEASE OF THE DOCUMENT IN
FULL.

4. WITHIN THAT CONTEXT, EUR/NG REVIEWED THE DOCUMENT AND
PROPOSES REDACTION OF ALL REFERENCES TO BSS, CIA AND FBI (LEGATT
LONDON RECEIVED A COPY OF THE INTERVIEW RESULTS IN 1963). THE
PASSAGES WE WANT TO REDACT ARE HIGHLIGHTED ON THE FAXED COPIES
WITH BRACKETS. WE CERTAINLY WILL FORWARD TO THE DO REVIEW TEAM
ANY ADDITIONAL DELETIONS REQUESTED BY STATION AND/OR BSS. ABSENT
THESE FEW PASSAGES ABOUT US/UK INTELLIGENCE, THE DOCUMENT DOES NOT
APPEAR TO AFFECT CURRENT CIA EQUITIES; ON ITS FACE, IT ALSO DOES
NOT APPEAR DAMAGING TO UK INTERESTS. ALTHOUGH WE ARE EXTREMELY
CONCERNED ABOUT THE DECLASSIFICATION OF INFORMATION GIVEN TO US BY

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FOREIGN SERVICES, RELEASE OF A SANITIZED VERSION OF THIS DOCUMENT
WOULD NOT PUBLICLY ACKNOWLEDGE OUR LIAISON RELATIONSHIP OR
COMPROMISE SENSITIVE SOURCES/METHODS.

5. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, WOULD APPRECIATE A RESPONSE BY HQS
COB THURSDAY, 30 JULY, SO WE HAVE FRIDAY FOR DISCUSSIONS IF BSS
HAS SERIOUS OBJECTIONS TO RELEASING THIS DOCUMENT IN EVEN A
SANITIZED FORMAT.

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